(d) The earlier price of the two drugs was based on the pooled price of 6-APA which was Rs. 1230/- per kg. This price was fixed on the assumption that indigenous production and imports of 6-APA would be in the ratio of 1:2.5 and that imports would subsidize the indigenous production at the rate of Rs. 870/- per kg. As the indigenous production increased substantially the volume of imports are not adequate to subsidize the indigenous production. Therefore, pricing of 6-APA had to be revised. The subsidy on 6-APA has now been withdrawn and the pooled price as well as the indigenous price has now been fixed on Rs. 1778/- per kg. The price of three bulk drugs have been revised based on the revision in the pooled price of 6-APA.

Unauthorised expansion by multinational drug companies

96. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had carried out inspection of certain multinational drug companies during the last few years to check their unauthorised production:

(b) if so, the names of multinational drug companies alongwith the initial value of plant and machinery and the present value of plant and machinery of the projects where unauthorised expansion was noticed by him Ministry;

(c) what was the original capacity of the machines and how the additional capacity was obtained;

(d) whether these companies replaced plant and machinery or made additions in the plant and machinery;

(e) what was the report of the inspection in each case;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry issued show cause notices to certain companies; and

(g) names of the drugs and formulations where unauthorised expansion in capacity was done by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (g) A Technical Team was appointed to have on-the-spot inspections of plant and machinery of thirteen companies of which M/s. Bayer (India) Ltd., M/s. Pfizer Limited and M/s. Cyanamid India Ltd. were FERA companies. Show cause notices were also issued to some companies. The reports of the Technical Team have been examined by the Govt. It was observed that excess production and higher capacity achieved is due to a number of reasons such as replacement/modernisation, technology improvement and putting up higher capacity itself and it is difficult to attribute the excess production to one reason alone. In the light of the overall Industrial Policy of the Government, it has been decided to re-endorse recognise the capacities in accordance with the various schemes announced by the Govt. from time to time.

Delay in commissioning of a New Telephone Exchange in chandigarh

97. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of a new Telephone Exchange in Sector 34, Chandigarh was accorded approval long back and that the requisite piece of land for the purpose was purchased six years back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the building plans of Exchange have been approved;

(c) if so, what factors have impeded further progress in the matter; and

(d) by when the construction would start and the exchange would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Preliminary building drawings have been approved and estimates are under preparation.

(d) The constrution of building is likely to commence in about a year's time and the exchange is expected to be commissioned towards the end of 7th Five year Plan subject to availability of resources.

Chandigarh Telephone Exchange

98. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Chandigarh Telephone Exchange has reached the saturation point and no new connection can henceforth be provided;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the fresh applications for OYT connections are still being entertained without informing the applicant about the near futility of his effort only to show greater revenue earnings; and

(c) what is the date of the OYT applications pending at Chandigarh for the longest time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Registeration of fresh applications is done to put the applicants on the waiting list so that as and when capacity becomes available the connections can be given.

(c) The earliest O.Y.T. Application is pending since 28.9.1983.

New drug policy

99. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the New Drug Policy which was expected to be formulated in March this year has since been framed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to the part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the prices of all multivitamins have been increased recently; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The policy has not been finalised.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. On reviewing the representations, the prices of 52 packs of multivitamin formulations produced by M|s. Pfizer Ltd., Sandoz (I) Ltd. and Abbott Labs. have recently been revised under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. As a result of this revision the prices of 7 packs have gone up marginally, there is no change in the case of one pack and prices of remaining 44 packs have been reduced over the prices which the three manufacturers were enjoying earlier.

Working of Calcutta Telephone

100. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 289 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether all the temporary telephone connections within the area of the Area Manager (South) Calcutta Telephones as referred to in the reply have been duly installed at the subscribers premises by now;

(b) if so, the date of installation of each such telephone;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a good number of those telephones after installation did not function and|or remained dead for a considerable period of time and as a result of which many of the subscribers represented to Calcutta Telephones for extension of period beyond six months and|or for refund of rent for the period